

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 24-27 without prejudice.

REMARKS

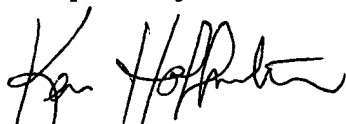
The Examiner indicated that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct Invention I (Claims 1-23 and 28) and Invention II (Claims 24-27). The Examiner has required Applicants under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Commensurate with the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect, with traverse, Invention I as set forth above. Accordingly, the claims identified by the Examiner relating to Invention II have been canceled without prejudice.

In view of the required election, the claims identified by the Examiner relating to Invention II are canceled, without prejudice. It is respectfully submitted that the claims relating to Invention II are allowable as originally presented. Without further prior art, it is the position of the Applicant that each of these claims was in condition for allowance when the present application was filed.

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